

Putting the Surrey public first

Because of the high level of funding support we receive from the local taxpayer, Surrey Police focuses on the priorities that local people have told us matter most to them. Through the Surrey Public First initiative, we are encouraging the application of common sense in policing, with less bureaucracy, fewer targets and more discretion to resolve incidents to the satisfaction of Surrey people. We are also cracking down on the cross-border criminals who account for around 50% of the crime committed in Surrey. Thanks to this approach, Surrey Police has the highest levels of public confidence in the country.

Surrey Police has for many years suffered financial shortfalls as a result of the formula by which the Government decides how much central funding we need to police Surrey. Because Surrey is a prosperous county, the Government's calculations say that we do not need as much money for policing. As a result, despite Surrey contributing more in taxes to the Government than any other county in the UK, we receive the third lowest level of central

funding per head of population for our police force. This means that the Surrey council tax payer has to cover substantially more of the cost of their police force than those in other counties.

We have gone to great lengths to make up for this shortfall in central funding whilst minimising what we ask local people to pay. Over the last decade, we have achieved a combined total of more than £50m in savings by radically overhauling the organisation, including reducing the number of divisions from four to three. During the course of this year we will have around 140 fewer police officers and support staff serving in Surrey. There is no more scope for cuts without affecting front-line services.

Despite the challenges we face, we will continue to put the Surrey public first in the coming year, and will do all that we can to protect front-line policing services from the severe financial pressures facing the organisation.

Surrey Police is legally required to produce this information under the The Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) Regulations 2003 – SI 2003/2613 which prescribe the minimum requirements for financial information to be provided with council tax bills.

Our Priorities	What we have done since April 2008	What we will do from April 2009
<p>Confidence and satisfaction Building confidence in your police and your satisfaction with the service we deliver</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surrey people have one of the highest levels of confidence in the police in the country Satisfaction in our service remains very high, with more than 80% of victims of crime satisfied with the service provided for them. The Surrey Public First initiative is now helping to boost this figure further 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will increase your confidence in us We will increase overall satisfaction in our service
<p>Safety Keeping you safe from harm</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have maintained a high standard of readiness to respond to emergencies We have targeted and dismantled a number of serious organised crime groups We have arrested more than 125 people for supplying Class A drugs in Surrey We have achieved a reduction in serious violent and acquisitive crime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will maintain our level of readiness to respond to emergencies We will continue to dismantle organised crime groups operating within Surrey Suppliers of Class A drugs will continue to be targeted and brought to justice We will continue to reduce serious violent and acquisitive crime We will improve the number of detections achieved through forensic identification techniques
<p>People and resources Making the most of our resources and supporting our people</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have made substantial efficiencies whilst maintaining good performance We have stabilised the turnover of officers and staff during this period of substantial organisational change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will continue to seek out efficiencies whilst maintaining good performance We will maintain a stable level of officer and staff turnover

Contacting us

For more details about the police budget for the year from April 2009 or to obtain a copy of the 2008/09 Statement of Accounts, please write, giving your address, to:
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or email: spa@surrey.police.uk
or call Ian Perkin, Treasurer to the Police Authority, on: 01483 630200.
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Call 999 (Minicom users: 01483 539999) if you have a genuine emergency requiring the attendance of the police or if a crime is in progress.
Call Surrey Police on 0845 125 2222 for non-emergency policing matters only.
Call your local council for abandoned vehicles or noise problems.
Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 if you have information about a crime and don't want to leave your name.

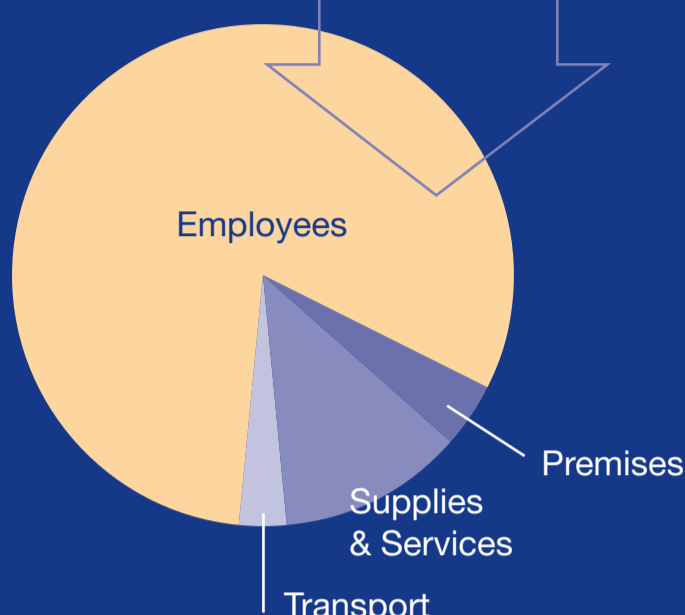
How the money is spent

Surrey Police Authority has a net budget requirement of £198.8m for 2009/2010. This compares to a figure of £191.5m for 2008/2009.

	£m 2009/10	2008/09
Employees	185.8	182.3
Premises	8.6	7.4
Supplies & services	26.3	25.8
Transport	6.8	6.5
Income	-10.5	-12.4
Gross expenditure	217.0	209.6
To/from (-) balances	-5.2	-5.3

	£m 2009/10	2008/09
Net revenue budget	211.8	204.3
Community Support Officers	-4.3	-4.2
Crime Fighting Fund	-4.1	-4.1
Single Counter Terrorism		
Police Grant	-1.0	-0.9
Other Government Grant	-3.6	-3.6
Net budget requirement	198.8	191.5

Note: The 2008/09 comparative data shows the revised budget as at January 2009, reflecting changes made in year.



Employee information

Figures represent all posts included in the Authority's annual budget

	2009/10	2008/09
Police officers	1,858	1,936
Operational police staff	1,649	1,615
Support police staff	578	678
Specials	300	300

Note: The 2008/09 comparative data has been adjusted to include posts fully funded by specific resources.

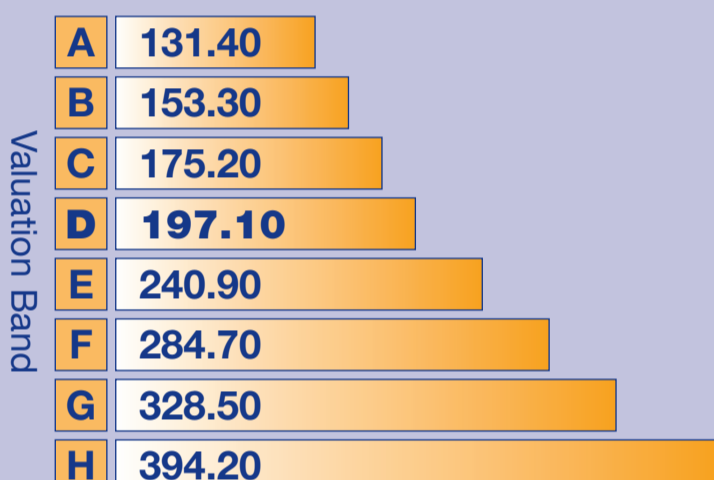
How spending has changed

	£m
2008/09 Gross expenditure	209.6
Cost of borrowing	0.5
Funding of designated detention officers	0.4
Policing Pledge – Surrey Public First	0.5
Protection from cross border criminality	0.4
Custody expansion	0.3
Crime service improvements	0.6
Restructuring savings	-1.6
Efficiency savings	-2.2
Inflation and reduction in interest receivable	8.5
2009/10 Gross expenditure	217.0

If you have a question about this year's budget please call the Police Authority on 01483 630200.

What you will pay for policing in Surrey in 2009/10

Council Tax payable per property £



Where the money comes from

	2009/10 £m	2008/09 £m
Net budget requirement	198.769	191.497
Less:		
Police Grant	-66.132	-64.348
National Business Rates	-28.987	-30.704
Revenue Support Grant	-6.691	-4.274
Gross Council Tax requirement	96.959	92.171
Share of Collection Fund surpluses	-0.199	-0.123
Net Council Tax requirement	96.760	92.048
Taxbase i.e. number of equivalent band D properties	490,919	489,826

As at 31 March 2008 Surrey Police had £16.1m invested with Surrey County Council. There was no external borrowing outstanding at this date.

The cost of policing in Surrey in 2009/10

The figures below show the cost per head of population for policing in Surrey and how this cost is split between the different funding sources.

Council Tax	£88.57
Police Grant	£60.41
National Business Rates	£26.48
Revenue Support Grant	£6.11
Total	£181.57
Special Grants	£11.85

Cost per person: **2009/10 £181.57**

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